

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
June 16, 2022**

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., it having been duly noted that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of which was published in The Record and sent to the Star Ledger as well as posted on the Village bulletin board. Roll call was taken. Commission members present: Diane Maglione, Hal Bomzer, Gil Bell, Melinda Lugo, Royce Morris, Melina Pope, Barbara Steiner, Bella Wagner. Excused: Howie Jacobs, Mike Ruiz. Absent: Mercedes Haines. Commissioner Mark Olson was also present at the meeting.

The minutes of the May 19, 2022, meeting were approved on a motion made by Gil Bell and seconded by Hal Bomzer. All were in favor of the motion.

Correspondence:

- Memo dated 5/25/22 from Tara O'Grady Re: Oath of Office and Appointment of Barbara Steiner
- Email dated 6/8/22 from Yen Adult Women's Athletic program or open gym once or twice a week for women who love the game and has the desire to stay in shape through a competitive sport. She was invited to attend the June meeting.

Wish Tree – No activity at this time.

Tree Lighting – No activity at this time. Commissioner Olson was present at the meeting and said he didn't think it would be a problem to give away a free summer camp membership as one of the prizes at the tree lighting. He will look into it and let the Board know.

Holiday Display Contest – No activity at this time. There are no changes to the contest this year.

Bowling – No activity at this time.

Women's Softball – Peggy Schneider is running the program again. Things seem to be going fine so far. The season started a little late due to the cold and wet weather. The date to add new players was extended to June 17 because of the late start. The Board learned that one team has not been wearing the required Board of Recreation shirt and has a sponsor's name on it. The Board will remind the team that the rules require that all players wear the required Board of Recreation issued uniform shirt. Next year the Board will also remind and make sure all teams wear the required shirts. The teams need to remember to rake the field after the games to help keep the field in a safer condition. The parking lot has some potholes that need to be repaired.

4th of July – Grand marshals are Susan and George Fosdick.

Rag-A-Muffin – No activity at this time.

Adult Trips/Activities – There were discussions about possible activities to add in the future. If the Board can get enough people interested in ping pong, it can purchase a used table from Sue Chak. Tickets to a Devils game will go on sale next season.

Melinda said she has been in contact with the pool committee and has decided to wait until next year to schedule the pool party. This will allow her to work on the price and take more time to work out the details. Commissioner Olson advised that Commissioner Portorreal is in charge of the pool and works with a pool committee now rather than a pool commission. He suggested not holding it on a weekend. No alcohol will be allowed.

Melinda said she will continue to iron out details with everyone so she is prepared to schedule a date for next year. She is thinking of having food trucks. She would also like to get some give aways for the event.

Archery Clinic – The program ends June 25, 2022. Gil said he has not ordered equipment for the longer range yet. Everyone is still having fun. Gil said they are OK with the rules discussed at the last meeting with the addition of: no drinking or smoking beforehand and/or at the range. No alcohol – no possession, consumption or under the influence of anything.

Gil said he contacted the county mosquito commission to see if the archery area could be put on the mosquito spraying list and it has helped greatly. It gets sprayed every 5 days now. He also will be throwing away the old mats.

Basketball – Early bird registration forms were sent to the schools and included in the next newsletter. The use of facilities forms for the 2022-2023 season were submitted. Registration will be held in the Civic Center on September 23 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and September 24 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Evaluations will be scheduled for: November 1 and 2 November 1 will be boys 3/4 and 5/6 beginning at 6:30 p.m. November 2 will be all girls beginning at 6:30 p.m. and 7/8 boys 7:15 – 8:30 p.m. Boys 7/8 tryouts will be held similar to Saturday Night Hoops tryouts. At the draft, coaches will be given the rosters for the travel teams. There can be no more than two travel team players on each team.

Saturday Night Hoops – No activity at this time other than the use of facilities form for the 2022-2023 season was submitted

Girls' 3/4 Travel Basketball Team – Carlos Alvarez coaches a 3/4 grade girls travel basketball team. They have a permit to use the Roosevelt gym on Mondays (6:45 – 8:15) through June 20.

Girls' 5/6 Travel Basketball Team – They will continue practicing at Lincoln School on Mondays (7-9) and Thursdays (6:30 – 8:30) through July 1, 2022. Al Ramirez is coaching this team.

Boys' 5/6 Travel Basketball Team – Deinde Otuyelu is coaching this team. They have a permit to use Lincoln School gym on Fridays from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. through June 17.

Tennis – Summer session will run Thursdays, June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28. Adult session will be held 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$85.00. Residents may contact Barry Ruback at barrys10s@gmail.com or 201-568-3946 with any questions.

T2S Basketball – The program is continuing under Larry Umana and Nate Lopez. T2S program requested to use both Grant and Roosevelt from March 14th - June 17th. The summer camp will be run at Veteran's Park and he already has the courts reserved. June 27 – August 5.

Big Mike League – The use of facilities form for Lincoln School gym was received for: September 12 - October 24 (skip Halloween) and playoffs on November 7 & November 14 on Mondays 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. This is a new adult activity named in honor of Mike O'Neill who was a pillar of this community and spent many years on the sidelines and fields of RP giving of his time to coach his children as well as many others.

Eligibility: Men and women 25 years and older / Must be a Ridgefield Park or Little Ferry resident

Game Nights: Mondays @ Lincoln School gym

Game Times: 6:30 / approximately 7:15 / approximately 8:00 and approximately 8:45pm [8 team league]

Game Structure: Each game will be 4 quarters, 8 minutes in length.

Regular Season Dates: September 12, 19, 26 October 3, 10, 17 and 24. **Playoff Dates:** November 7 and 14

Roster Size: 5-7 Players – We encourage each team to have at least one woman participating.

Cost: \$350 Per Team – Payment to be made via check made out to Board of Recreation. This can be mailed to 234 Main Street, Ridgefield Park or dropped off at Town Hall at same address. Payment due no later than Monday, August 29.

The first 8 teams to sign up will be the participants for our inaugural season.

If the team would like to make a donation to help out the O'Neill family the Board would see fit to make sure it is delivered to Mary and her children. Any such donation can simply be an add on to the team fee payment.

Easter Egg Hunt – No activity at this time.

Treasurer's Report – The beginning balance as of 4/30/22 was \$20,687.87. Total expenses as of 5/31/22 \$780.00 (bball, softball, Easter candy). Total deposits \$4421.00 (softball registrations, Easter candy reimbursement, archery registrations) and \$15.67 interest. Net available balance 5/31/22 \$25,904.74. Total outstanding (uncleared checks) \$905.00. A motion was made by Melinda Lugo and seconded by Royce Morris to accept the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor of the motion.

Old Business: The first draft of the application for a sports stipend was discussed and some changes made. The form is now ready to send to the different organizations in October.

Gil Bell asked if there was any news on adding a Rec center into the new plans for Veteran's Park.

New Business:

Commissioner Olson wanted to mention some upcoming dates and events in Ridgefield Park.

July 2 – The Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus will be at the amphitheater in Overpeck County Park @ 7:30 p.m. The village and school district are partnering on a shuttle bus since there are only 425 parking spaces at the park. Fireworks will follow the show.

Buses will leave from parking lots at the jr/sr high school – One Ozzie Nelson Drive, near the little league field – foot of Morningside Lane and the town swimming pool – at the foot of Hobart Street. First bus is at 6:00 p.m. Buses will pick up approximately every 15 minutes with the last pickup at 7:30. Return buses will leave immediately after the show until about 9:30.

July 11 – There will be a vision exercise in Veteran's Park area asking for ideas for the park. The meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. and the rain date is Wednesday. He strongly encourages Board of Recreation members to attend to voice their opinions.

September 17 – The street fair is scheduled for Saturday 9/17. Civic groups are free and he would like to see the Board of Recreation host a table.

Irwin Lara will be sponsoring a free soccer training camp for kids this summer.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. on a motion made by Bella Wagner and seconded by Melina Pope. All were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

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cc: Commissioner Mark Olson

This link will be used for the monthly meeting when it is held via Zoom: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71636345842?pwd=RDZEVE9LaXFxWoxbmXJSGdQVDhWZz09> Meeting ID: 716 3634 5842 Passcode: Y4rtpt